Unused equipments in AIIMS

1870. SHRI R.K.ANAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIIMS have been acquiring equipments worth crores of rupees but not putting them to larger gainful use; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to scan through all costly purchases of equipments and their public use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMl): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Population Control Programme

1871. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Population Control Programmes are yet to achieve the targeted results;

(b) if so, the shift in the policy focus envisaged and the new measures being initiated/implemented;

(c) whether the family planning programme is more women centric;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) if not, the level of the male participation in contraceptive use and sterilization process,

(f) whether any political consensus has been attempted or achieved to frame any policy guidelines and implementation mechanism to address the concern of population growth; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMl): (a) The approach to Family Welfare Programme has been made target Free since April, 1996. However, if the programme continues at the present pace, it may